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**MUNCIE MAN INDICTED BY FEDERAL GRAND JURY
FOR FIREARMS CRIMES**

PRESS RELEASE

Susan W. Brooks, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana, announced that EDDIE LEE STRONG , 44, Muncie, Indiana, was indicted by a federal grand jury sitting in Indianapolis today for the unlawful possession of firearms and ammunition by a convicted felon, following an investigation by the Bureau of Alcohol Tobacco Firearms and Explosives, the Muncie Police Department, and the Delaware County Drug Task Force.

The indictment alleges that STRONG possessed a 7.62 x 39mm semi-automatic assault

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rifle on January 22, 2003, after having been convicted of dealing in cocaine. The indictment further alleges that STRONG possessed multiple rounds of various types of ammunition and a .22 pistol on April 14, 2004.

According to Assistant United States Attorney James P. Hanlon, who is prosecuting the case for the government, STRONG faces a maximum possible prison sentence of 10 years and a maximum possible fine of \$250,000. STRONG is currently in custody at the Marion County Jail. An initial hearing will be scheduled before a U.S. Magistrate Judge in Indianapolis.

The indictment is an allegation only, and the defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty at trial or by guilty plea.

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